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1. On 2 August 1947 Colonel Voronin of the SMA, Karlshorst, held a confidential talk in the Haus der Kultur der Sowjetunion in Berlin. In attendance were all German technicians working at present in Karlshorst, a few officials from Potsdam, and the Presidents Orlopp and Skrzypczynski from the Central Administration for Foreign Trade and for Industry, respectively.
2. Colonel Voronin explained that the Russian authorities were forced to coordinate and increase still further the productive capacity of the eastern-oriented industry, in view of the progressive tightening of the bloc policy in the West. This was the reason why the Ministry of Industry in Moscow had rejected the plan submitted; it was, moreover, not contemplating at present the delivery of finished products to the West in exchange for other goods.
3. The new plan for the third quarter of 1947 anticipates a production corresponding to a value of two billion marks, of which approximately 30%, or 600 million RM, would be filled by the Soviet AGs, while the rest would have to be produced by private industry, including state-owned plants. The new plan did not include, Colonel Voronin pointed out, the output of the remaining private plants of the mineral oil, rubber, mining, electro, and automobile industry. These plants would be allowed to work for civilian consumption, to the extent permitted by available raw materials.
4. In order to insure proper coordination, a director-general for each state will be appointed; he will be responsible to the Economic Commission in Karlshorst for the carrying out of the program. Although no final decision had been made yet as to the exact working field of this director, it was likely, Colonel Voronin said, that not only all Industriekontore in a given state but also all Handelskontore of the wholesale trade would be placed under the director-general.
5. Colonel Voronin asked those present to cooperate fully in facilitating the successful execution of the plan of the Ministry of Industry. He also hinted that, in case of success, special privileges would be granted to all concerned.

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